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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the preliminary results of the 2005 Dry Bean Cleaners Inquiry and the Growers' Dry Bean Survey. Acreage, yield, and production are reported for selected states and the United States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

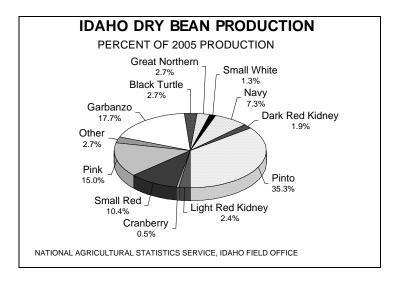
Sincerely,

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Director

Idaho Dry Bean Production Up 14 Percent from Last Year

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Idaho's 2005 dry edible bean production is expected to total 1.86 million cwt, up 14 percent from last year's production of 1.64 million cwt. Planted acreage of 100,000 and harvested acreage of 98,000 increased from last year's 80,000 acres planted and 78,000 acres harvested. Average yield is expected to be 1,900 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from the previous year.



Pinto production increased from last year, and continues to account for the largest portion of Idaho's crop with 35.3 percent of Idaho's production. Pink production accounted for 15.0 percent of all production. Small red production accounted for 10.4 percent of production. Chickpea (garbanzo) production again had the largest increase form the 2005 crop, accounting for 17.7 percent of the total. The majority of chickpea production was the large type. Navy production accounted for 7.3 percent. Great northern and black production each accounted for 2.7 percent of Idaho's production. Small white's, light red kidneys, dark red kidneys, cranberries, and other classes made up the remaining dry edible bean production in Idaho. Of the 12 classes of dry edible beans estimated for Idaho during 2005, great northerns, small whites, cranberries, and blacks posted production losses. All other classes posted production gains.

Nationally, production of dry edible beans is estimated at 27.2 million cwt for 2005, up 4 percent from the October forecast and 53 percent above last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.57 million acres, 3 percent above the last forecast and up 29 percent from 2004. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,731 pounds per acre, an increase of 16 pounds from the October forecast and 272 pounds above a year ago. Production is above a year ago in 16 of the 17 producing States. Most notable production increases from last year are Minnesota up 111 percent, Colorado 91 percent higher, and North Dakota increasing 82 percent. Production is up from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, navy, great northern, pinto, light red kidney, dark red kidney, pink, small red, blackeye, and small and large chickpeas. Production decreased from last year for small white, cranberry, and black.

All Dry Beans: Acreage, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2004 -- 2005

State	Planted		Harvested		Yield ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Acres		Acres		Pounds		1,000 Cwt	
California	60.0	66.0	57.0	64.0	2,020	2,000	1,152	1,281
Colorado	75.0	130.0	67.0	120.0	1,550	1,650	1,039	1,980
Idaho	80.0	100.0	78.0	98.0	2,100	1,900	1,638	1,862
Michigan	190.0	235.0	185.0	230.0	1,700	1,700	3,145	3,910
Minnesota	115.0	145.0	100.0	135.0	1,150	1,800	1,150	2,430
Nebraska	120.0	175.0	110.0	170.0	2,160	2,240	2,376	3,808
North Dakota	560.0	620.0	475.0	570.0	1,000	1,520	4,750	8,664
Oregon	8.0	8.0	7.5	7.8	1,550	2,000	116	156
Washington	30.0	49.0	29.0	48.0	2,100	1,650	609	792
U.S. Total	1,354.3	1,663.3	1,219.3	1,570.7	1,459	1,731	17,788	27,184

^{1/} Excludes beans grown for garden seed. 2/ Clean basis.

Dry Bean Production by Commercial Class: Selected States and United States, 2005

Class	CA	CO	ID	MI	MN	NE	ND	OR	WA	U.S.
	Thousand Cwt									
Pinto		1,665	658	280	327	1,950	6,584	20	249	13,110
Pink	3		280		128		163	8	80	662
Small Red			193	540	29		63		78	903
Navy			136	1,310	914	76	1,343	14	18	3,951
Great Northern			51	30		1,360	70		15	1,560
Black	7		50	1,130	124	55	254	12	37	1,797
Small White			24					9	14	47
Lt. Red Kidney	40	170	45	240	183	297		11	24	1,144
Dk. Red Kidney	21		36	110	659		47	13	22	918
Cranberry	13		9	140						162
Large Chickpeas	219		293			8	78	46	207	976
Small Chickpeas			36				36	9	26	122
Other ^{1/}	978	145	51	130	66	62	26	14	22	1,832
All Dry Beans	1,281	1,980	1,862	3,910	2,430	3,808	8,664	156	792	27,184

^{1/} Includes lima, blackeye, and other classes.

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